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1. WHILE CU/AF WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING EXCEPTIONAL FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL FOR MRS. TRAORE, IT VERY DOUBTFUL OTHER CASES WILL BE SO FAVORABLY CONSIDERED. MANY MINISTERS HAVE TRAVELED ECONOMY CLASS UNDER IV GRANTS. THEREFORE, WE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT REQUEST FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL FOR PROSPECTIVE GRANTEES BASSANO AND KALMOGO.

2. POST IS ENCOURAGED TO IMPRESS UPON GRANTEES THE NON-PROTOCOLARY ASPECT OF IV GRANTS. ONE OF CU'S OBJECTIVES IN THE IV PROGRAM IS TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEMOCRATIC NATURE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND PROMOTE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CULTURES. VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK ON PROGRAMMING AROUND THE COUNTRY CANNOT GIVE VIP'S SPECIAL TREATMENT. EVEN IF THEY WERE ABLE TO DO SO, WE BELIEVE SUCH TREATMENT WOULD WORK AGAINST THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, MORE INFORMAL APPROACH CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO SUCCESS OF VISITOR'S U.S. EXPERIENCE. KISSINGER
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